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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/749,717
Filed: December 31, 2003
Applicant: Riccardo Comini
Title: FIELD-ATTACHABLE CONNECTOR
WITH SLIDING CONTACTS
Our Docket No. Wdhd 240

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are:

1. This transmittal letter (*in duplicate*);
2. PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT; and
3. Return receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required incident to the filing of the above Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account 05-1060. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminarily to action herein, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) An electrical connector adapted to be connected to a cable having a plurality of wires, comprising:
 - a casing including an intake for receiving said cable;
 - a contact holder for each of said wires removably received within said casing and including a receptacle;
 - a connector assembly seated in each of said receptacles for connecting to an associated one of said wires, each connector assembly including: